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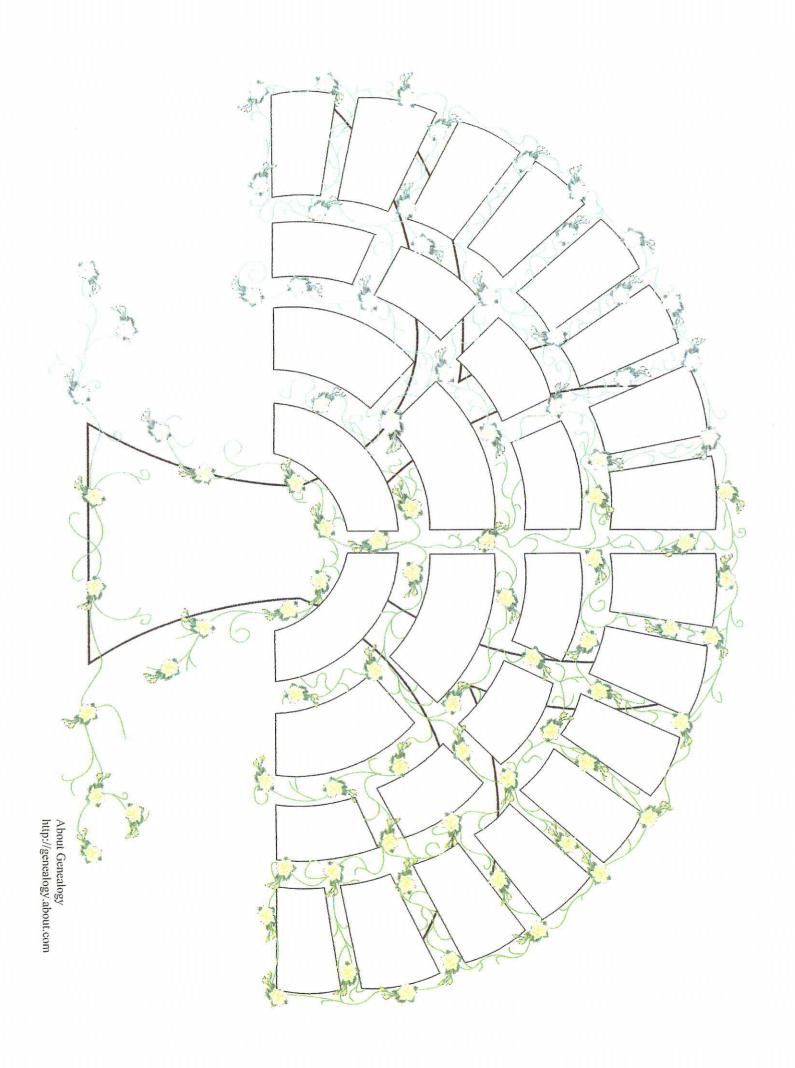
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SUGGESTIONS FOR RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY TREE

- SUPPLIES: Pencils; acid-free ink pens; loose-leaf notebooks; file cards; file folders; pre-printed genealogy forms; genealogy self-help books (see bibliography); acid-free sheet protectors. Depending upon the extent of your research, supplies will be based upon your needs. All of your paper products should be acid-free.
- 2. ORGANIZE: No matter how much research you do, know that you will not remember everything that you look at. Discipline yourself from the beginning that you will always write down everything. Start with a very basic filing system. It need not be complicated. Computers are great, but you will still need a file for backup. When your files become more extensive, you will need to make a decision as to file cabinets, office space, computers, etc.
- MAPS, ATLASES & GAZETTEERS: Research cannot be done without knowing the
 geographic area you are researching. Locating records are dependent on the jurisdiction of the courts.
 Knowing the city and county boundaries at the time of the event will enable you to locate your records
 more efficiently.
- 4. START WITH YOURSELF: Never skip a generation. Always work from you to the next generation and to the next---from the known to the unknown. Valuable clues and family names are easily overlooked if you do not work with every ancestor in your pedigree chart. Gather your records on each individual such as birth, death, marriage, land, probate, obituaries and many other items that affect our daily lives. Be aware that you will be writing many emails, letters and making many telephone calls.
- 5. PROVE THE FACTS AS YOU GO: Each life event should be documented with original papers. Write for vital records, search for obituaries, look for cemetery records, and find all the important papers in your home that pertain to any event in your life and that of your ancestors. Use these records as proof of your search so that your descendants will not have the difficulty that you are experiencing in proving relationships.
- 6. TALK TO YOUR RELATIVES: Contact all known relatives that might reveal any clues. Ask them if you can make photocopies of any documents or pictures and offer to pay postage expenses. Be candid. Do not try or let them think you want to keep the records. Also, ask them if you can tape record your conversations when you are asking them questions.
- 7. CHECK FOR WORK ALREADY DONE: Thousands of family histories have been printed over the last 100+ years. Check the many resources in a well-equipped library for bibliographies of books in print or out of print and the many library web sites on the Internet. Learn how to access these materials through interlibrary loan or personal contact with archives and libraries.
- 8. READ THE HOW, WHY & WHERE! Most important. Read all you can about the area you are researching and the time period. KNOW the history. Also familiarize yourself with the state and county record retention schedules. Rules and regulations vary from state to state and county to county for all records. Dates of origination for vital records (birth, death, marriage) will be inconsistent. Read a self-help book, which is available at your local library or through a genealogy vendor. Examples: How to Research in Pennsylvania; Researching Scottish Roots; Revolutionary War Research; or Alabama Churches.
- 9. SURNAME SPELLINGS: Names can vary a great deal from one record to the next. This is mentioned as a word of CAUTION. Do not be arbitrary about spelling. Be open-minded enough to realize that human error does exist. Understanding how a name can be misspelled will solve many difficult research problems when you think of all possible variations of the name. Remember: many of our ancestors had accents not easily understood and many of our record keepers were not very literate.
- 10. RECORD SEARCHING: The following records are some of the more important and primary resources that you will be seeking. There are many books in print that give addresses to courthouses, churches, genealogical and historical societies and libraries (see the bibliography). Almost all of these records (pre 1920) can be accessed through the LDS church microfilming program (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) and many of the records are in print. Check the LDS library catalog on the

Internet http://familysearch.org or with the local genealogical/historical society from the area you are researching.

- VITAL RECORDS Courthouses and churches.
- CENSUS Libraries and Inter-library loan.
- LAND & PROBATE RECORDS Courthouse
- CHURCH Write the headquarters or the church itself.
- 11. MILITARY RECORDS: Chances are that at least one of your relatives served in the military. With sixteen wars and hundreds of conflicts in the U.S. and numerous wars in other countries, military records will be a very important resource. If you are interested in any one of the wars, familiarize yourself with the records available by using one of the many published guides on the Internet or the library shelf. Remember, if your ancestor was between the ages of 15 and 45 at the time of the conflict, more than likely, he was a good candidate for a soldier. Many records were created as a direct result of the wars.
- 12. JOIN LOCAL OR STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES: There is a genealogical/ historical society for every county in the United States. There are many more for foreign countries. Each organization has an obligation to preserve and protect the records of their local area. As a result, many more records have been made accessible. If you are researching extensively in any one area, you should consider joining the society. A benefit would be the receipt of their newsletter, which would contain information about the history of the area, and a description of society projects. Enlisting the help of one of their members would be another benefit. Remember, almost all societies are completely volunteer and non-profit.
- 13. **READ. READ.** The more genealogy periodicals, history books, self-help books that you read, the more ideas and contacts you will find in locating ancestors.
- 14. ATTEND GENEALOGY CLASSES REGULARLY: You can never get enough education to research your genealogy. Every day, more resources are made available. Repeating classes is a good way to reinforce your knowledge.

STANDARDS FOR SOUND GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, family history researchers consistently-

- · record the source for each item of information they collect.
- test every hypothesis or theory against credible evidence, and reject those that are not supported by the evidence.
- seek original records, or reproduced images of them when there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basis for their research conclusions.
- use compilations, communications and published works, whether paper or electronic, primarily for their value as guides to locating the original records.
- state something as a fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.
- limit with words like 'probable' or 'possible' any statement that is based on less than convincing evidence, and state the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.
- avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.
- state carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researchers' work.
- recognize the collegial nature of genealogical research by making their work available to others through publication, or by placing copies in appropriate libraries or repositories, and by welcoming critical comment
- consider with open minds new evidence or the comments of others on their work and the conclusions they have reached.

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HOME SOURCES LOOK FOR CLUES TO YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN THESE DOCUMENTS:

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Journal	Wills	Birth	Service	Bible	Wedding
Diary	Deeds	Marriage	Pension	Book of Remembrance	Birth
Biography	Land Grants	Death	Disability	Family Group Sheets	Obituary
Letters	Water Rights	Divorce	Discharge	Pedigrees	Funeral
Photographs	Mortgages	Adoption	National Guard	Genealogies	Graduation
Autograph Album	Leases	Graduation	Selective Service	Family Bulletins	Divorce
Personal Knowledge	Bonds	Christening	Bounty Awards	Family Histories	Anniversary
Baby Book	Loans	Baptism	Service Medals	Local Histories	Memorial Cards
Wedding Book	Contracts	Confirmation	Ribbons	Family Traditions	New Job
Scrap Books	Summons	Transfer	Sword	Oral Histories	Travel
Funeral Books	Subpoena	Ministerial	Firearms	Home Movies	New Home
Guest Registers	Tax Notice	Memberships	Uniform		Birthday
Travel Accounts	Guardian Papers	Apprenticeship	Citations		Professional
	Title Abstracts	Awards	Separation Papers		Engagement

Financial Records	Citizenship Papers	Health Records	Licenses	School Records	Membership Records
Accounts	Naturalization	X-Rays	Business	Diplomas	Cards
Bills	Declaration of Intent	Insurance Papers	Occupational	Report Cards	Publications
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FAMILY HISTORY CHECKLIST*

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Home Sources:	Other Sources:			
Personal/Family RecordsFamily BiblesFamily TraditionsPersonal KnowledgeLegal PapersJournals, DiariesLettersHistoriesGenealogiesPedigrees	U.S. Federal Censuses	Church Records Birth Christening Baptism Confirmation Ordination Marriage Banns Divorce Annulment	Employment RecordsIndenturesApprenticeshipsLicensesPensionsService AwardsPersonnel Military Records	
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Genealogical Society of Utah IndexesComputer File IndexFamily Group ArchiveTemple Index Bureau	ColumnsGenealogicalHistoricalGossipLocal News	Court Related Records Sheriff Police Jail Jury Lawyers Briefs Justice of Peace	Libraries Historical Societies Genealogical Societies Mission Societies Collections Indexes	
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Selected Web Sites for Genealogy

There are numerous web sites to help beginning genealogists with their family history research. The following sites provide either tutorials to assist you with your research or data on various names. Remember that all information found on the internet must be documented. Here are some sites to get you started. These sites are free sites except for Heritage Quest Online and Ancestry.

Rootsweb

World Connect Project

LDS (Mormon Church)

US Genweb

World Genweb

GenCircles

NARA (National Archives)

Best Genealogy Sites on the Web -

About Genealogy

Soldiers & Sailors System (Nat. Parks)

Ellis Island Site

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http://www.cyndislist.com

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